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## Shatter German Columns

Yanks Chop Enemy Outfit to Pieces  
As They Attempt to Rescue Trapped Nazis

By Hal Boyle  
OUTSIDE STAVELOT, Belgium, Dec. 21, 2:30 p.m.—(P)—American tank destroyers today smashed attempts by German armor to break through and rescue remnants of a Nazi force of 60 tanks trapped near this embattled village.

Firing glazing round after round through a thick mist, the anti-tank gunners destroyed five captured American Sherman tanks manned by German crews which were spearheading a fresh drive to crash through Yank positions between Stavelot and Malmedy.

The new attack was launched about a mile and a quarter southeast of Malmedy, the funnel through which the Germans poured their armies toward the great city of Liege in August, 1944.

Before the Nazis retreated American artillery shattered their columns and killed scores of their infantry who had counted on the fog to enable them to surprise the American outposts.

In addition to capturing five tanks, American anti-tank gunners knocked out one of their own tank destroyers that had fallen into the German hands.

### Cop Outfit to Pieces

As the enemy tried frantically for the fourth straight day to battle through to the rescue of a large Panzer force bottled up near Stavelot, American infantry and tank units continued methodically to chop this trapped outfit to pieces.

"We have destroyed approximately 30 of their sixty tanks and have knocked out about 50 to 200 supply vehicles caught with them," said Lt. Col. Stewart L. Hall, Newark, N. J.

Large forces of German armored infantry also were being reduced in close-range battles by doughboys who climbed miles across snow-topped and forest-crowned ridges to knife through to the enemy's exposed flank.

They swept down from the northern hills and opened fire on Nazi columns, which were fighting savagely but could find no way to escape.

The Germans sought to pull back through Stavelot and across the Ambleve river. But this route was closed two nights ago when Capt. James Rice of Richmond, Calif., and 14 of his combat engineers blew up the only bridge across the turbulent stream in this sector.

The Germans thus were trapped by the river on the south and east, by impassable terrain on the north

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## Child Cut When Truck Crashes

Naomi Beucke, nine years old, received lacerations on her face this morning when the Chevrolet pickup truck, driven by her step-father, J. W. Smith, 703 South Lafayette avenue, crashed into the large plate glass window in the front of McLaughlin Furniture Co., after the car had swerved when the driver attempted to avoid a collision with a truck of the furniture company. The little girl was taken to the Bothwell hospital in the McLaughlin ambulance, where she received treatment.

According to the police report, J. W. Bleethroade, driver of the McLaughlin truck was headed south on Ohio avenue and started to turn left into an alley between Fifth and Sixth streets. Smith, also traveling south on Ohio avenue, was starting to pass the truck and as the larger truck started to turn, he swerved to the left and the car went over the sidewalk into the plate glass window.

The front end of the Smith truck was badly damaged, while no damage resulted to the McLaughlin truck.

Bleethroade was arrested by the police on a charge of careless driving and was released on a \$10 bond to appear in police court Friday morning.

Back From Aleutians, Telephones Parents

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rieves, 1216 East Fourth street, received a telephone call at 1:30 o'clock this morning, Harold E. Rieves, aviation radio man third class, who has been in the Aleutians for the past nineteen months and whom they have not seen for two years and nine months, telling them he was back in Seattle and would be home in about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rieves have another son, Staff Sgt. John Rieves, who is with Patton's army in the European theatre of war.

## S-C Students Have Program For Kiwanians

Club's Officers Will be Installed December 28

A Christmas program of music was presented before the Sedalia Kiwanis club at its meeting in Bothwell Hotel Thursday noon under the program chairmanship of William Ward, sponsored by the Helen G. Steele Music club.

Participating were a group of Smith-Cotton high school students singing Christmas Carols and directed by Music Supervisor, Miss Frances Brunkhorst. They were: Barbara Roberts, June Decker, Patty Davis, Marilyn Morris, Marilyn Williams, Jean Hulse, Gordon Capes, Edgar Mehl, Billy Estes, Fred Robertson, Buddy Arnold, Bob Cowan, with Rosalie Marshall, piano accompanist.

Several piano numbers were played by Miss Lillian Fox, and vocal solos were sung by Miss Brunkhorst with Miss Fox accompanist.

### Installation December 28

President Harry Brunkhorst announced that installation of 1945 officers and committee chairmen would be held at the club's next meeting, December 28.

### Troops Disorganized

Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, who boasted his success at Singapore would be repeated on Leyte against MacArthur, had formed that line at heavy cost with reinforcements landed from bomb-blasted convoys prior to the loss of Ormoc.

Yamashita's "cohesion now is completely broken and he is no longer capable of an integrated activity," today's communiqué said.

The small remnants of his forces, divided into isolated groups, are able to resist temporarily only at independent points.

Scattered elements are fleeing toward Palau in an endeavor to reach the northwest coast of Leyte."

The demoralized Nipponese abandoned sufficient artillery, small arms ammunition, machine guns, grenades, land mines and food stores to have served him for six months.

The Japanese, who try to conceal the extent of their losses by carrying away their dead, abandoned 1,541 "during the day," the communiqué said.

Sheriff L. E. Bates of Lee county said the Tynes told him that Mrs. Tynes' brother, young Burton, who had been living at their home for a year, had been left in charge of the Tynes' four children.

"Kill Crazy"

Search for Burton moved southward after he was seen bicycling through Ohio yesterday afternoon.

Bates said that a butcher knife was found near the child's body as well as a note, which read: "I am kill crazy. Don't try to catch me for you'll never take me alive."

The sheriff related that the eldest of the children, Mary Lou, 7, told him she had been locked in the basement by her uncle when she came home from school at noon.

The other children, Norman, 2, and Jacqueline, 10 months, who had been in the care of the boy, were unharmed.

Long Wait

CHICAGO, Dec. 21—(P)—Mrs. Mary Phelps, 44, told superior Judge John A. Sbarbaro that after a whirlwind courtship and a honeymoon to New York in 1939 her husband, William, 50, told her to wait in Grand Central station while he made his hotel reservations.

She hasn't seen him since, she testified in her suit for divorce, nor has she seen the \$5,000 she said she gave him on the honeymoon trip.

"All I hope to get back now," she told Judge Sbarbaro, who granted her a divorce, "is my maiden name of Kelly."

## FDR's Staff Receive Gifts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(P)—The president and Mrs. Roosevelt today presented to 258 White House office staff members their annual Christmas present. This time it was a scroll of the president's D-day prayer, handsomely engraved and tied with a blue ribbon.

The employees filed into the president's office for their early Yule-tide ceremony. In addition to the scroll, each received a handshake and the Roosevelt Christmas card set up.

## Battle of Leyte is Near End

Outcome Will Decide Fate of Greater East War, Says Jap Premier

By Jim Hutcheson

G E N. M A C A R T H U R ' S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 21—(P)—American conquest of rugged Leyte island—the outcome "will decide the fate of the greater east war," Japan's Premier Koiso said Dec. 12—neared accomplishment today.

"The battle is rapidly drawing to an end," announced General Douglas MacArthur two months and a day after he returned to the Philippines October 20 with amphibious forces, landing on Leyte's east coast.

On Mindoro island—Tokyo radio said the Yanks sought to cover up "reverses" on Leyte by vaulting to the China sea side of the Philippines seven days ago—"There was no enemy ground activity and his air action was light," today's communiqué said. Nine raiding planes were downed.

Irrevocable disaster was depicted for the Nipponese on mountainous northwest Leyte. That decisive battlefield is crossed north and south by a single corridor road from Pinamopoan to Ormoc and linked by a supplementary road to the west coast at Palompon.

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# Blow up Bridge but Know They Will Have to Put it Back

By Hal Boyle

STAVELOT, Belgium, Dec. 20.—(Delayed)—(P)—The Belgians built the bridge in 1770, the Germans crossed it three days ago in their offensive and last night 15 American combat engineers blew it up—a job which was a big factor in halting the Nazi forward thrust in this sector.

The bridge was 60-foot brick and stone span over the Ambleve river—a span needed by the Germans if they are to keep their armored columns rolling through American lines.

It was the first bridge ever blown up by Capt. James Rice and his men and this is the way that 29-year-old former Richmond, Cal. oil refinery employee did it.

"We had never had to destroy a bridge before because we never knew before what it was to be on the defensive," Rice said.

He used a half-ton of dynamite in destroying the structure.

"We went down to inspect the bridge," Rice said. "While we were looking it over the Germans opened up on us with tank and machine gun and I had to crawl around a corner so fast I lost my helmet. It was too hot a place to work in by daylight."

## Ready for Action

So Rice assembled his men just before dark, loaded them on a dynamite truck, drove to the last corner before the bridge and parked until Nazi observers in the hills beyond the river no longer could see the area.

"When it was completely black we carried 50-pound boxes three blocks down the street," said Rice. "There was a lot of glass and debris in the street. To keep the Nazis from hearing any noise we had artillery throw a smoke shell into the town twice a minute for 15 minutes. The smoke also gave us further cover."

"By the time the last shell landed we had the dynamite in place. We set four 30-second fuses. We only needed one, but we wanted to be certain it would go off."

"Then we pulled the fuse igniters and ran like hell down the street."

"After we had run one block and dived into a building, the bridge blew up like a Roman candle. It

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was a beautiful explosion—knocked out windows for three blocks. Stores on one side of the bridge crumbled like a landslide out into the streets and made a perfect roadblock—an also we had a 30-foot gap in that bridge. No Jerry tank can broadjump that far.

**Glum on Way Back**  
"As the bridge blew up the Germans awoke and for 20 minutes they plastered the whole area with tank and machine gun fire."

Rice said his men were glum on the way back.

"As soon as the bridge blew up we all started cussing," he said. "They figured that when we start kicking the Jerrys back into Germany somebody will give us the job of putting that bridge back together again."

The captain praised especially the daring of two men, Lt. Leland Coffey, Kansas City, Mo. and Sgt. Lowell L. Richardson, Los Angeles, Calif., who crawled behind the debris under fire to ascertain that the bridge had been demolished.

Lt. Wendell Huntzinger, Hamberg, Pa., said the other men who helped destroy the span included Pvt. Ernest A. Haley, Hot Springs, Ark., and Pvt. Michael Van Atta, Wichita, Kas.

## Lieut. Adams Back in States

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gan rolling Dec. 16.

American troops suffered considerable casualties and several elements were completely surrounded south and west of St. Vith.

The German 60-mile front had been contained on its north flank along the line from Monschau, Butgenbach and Stavelot after a 20-mile penetration into Allied rear areas 22 miles from Liege.

But on the enemy's southern flank the Germans were reported surging forward in a possible turn toward Sedan on the Meuse, 65 miles southwest of their last reported positions at Mespelt, south of St. Vith.

Low grey clouds and fog for the second day bound Allied air forces to the ground and robbed Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army of its best chance of pulling down the German offensive to a complete halt immediately.

With the fields crawling with German armor and roads jammed with German transport, the weather was a tragedy for Allied air power. Only six Allied planes got off the ground yesterday.

The last reported positions of the Germans were two days old because of a supreme headquarters time lag in announcements for security reasons.

## Births - - -

Son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wolf in their home, 410 West Fourth street, at 11:15 o'clock Tuesday night. The boy was named Carl Richard Wolf. He has three brothers and three sisters.

Son, born Wednesday, December 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Johnson, at Cocoli, Canal Zone, Panama. The father is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Johnson, 800 West Fourth street. He is in the government service in Panama. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one other child, Valerie Ann, aged one and a half, also born in Panama.

**Lone Star PTA has Holiday Program**

Lone Star Parent-Teacher association met recently at the school with Mrs. Van Dyke presiding over the business session.

The following program was presented by Mrs. Edward Schwartz: Songs, "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night"; riddles, Mr. Schwartz and Helen McFatriach; recitation, Mary Schwartz and Elinor Van Dyke.

Refreshments were served.

**Sedalia War Dads Entertain Service Men**

The Sedalia War Dads entertained the service men Tuesday evening at the USO with a waffle supper at which time they served over one hundred men from the Sedalia Army Air Field.

Following the supper games and dancing were enjoyed during the remainder of the evening.

**Mother's Club No. 1 Meets in January**

War Mother's Club No. 1, which meets at the East Sedalia Baptist church, will have its next meeting the last Thursday in January.

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## Shatter German Columns

(Continued from page one) and by Yanks defenses on the west. The surrounded units, representing a big part of an armored division, were turning in churning circles of ruin.

**Shooting Nazis In Water**

"They still are trying to send infantry swimmers across the river near Stavelot and trying to win a bridgehead so they can build another bridge, but our troops are shooting them in the water," said Hall.

He said the Germans moved tanks and infantry into the Malmedy area last night, but were driven out by crack American infantry divisions.

"They attacked from the same general area today and managed in the mist and fog to penetrate in small strength to a position in the vicinity of Malmedy," Hall added. "They overran one platoon of our infantry and some anti-tank guns—using captured American tanks. But our artillery and tank destroyers were reported to have driven off the attack by 1 p.m.

Commenting on the enemy's employment of captured American weapons, Hall said: "They have been accumulating American equipment and uniforms for some time, and some Germans were specially trained to use this equipment. The Nazis give this gives them the advantage of surprise."

## Superforts Hit Jap Plant

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—Superfortresses hit a Japanese aircraft plant in Mukden, Manchuria, today with "good results" although two of the big B-29s were lost.

Fifteen enemy planes were destroyed, seven probably destroyed and eleven damaged in the combat with the enemy air force which a 20th Air Force communiqué said put up opposition "moderate to strong."

Target of the attack, the communiqué said, was the Manchurian aircraft plant at LaMonte.

Mrs. Chatham was a member of the Christian church at LaMonte.

Mr. and Mrs. Chatham made their home near Hughesville, following their marriage, until 1938 when they moved to Sweet Springs. In 1936 they moved to Sweet Springs to be near their daughter, Mrs. Waldo Andrew, who survives.

Surviving her besides her daughter is one brother, also six sisters: D. S. Ramey, Jr., Warrensburg; Mrs. Mary Hausenbauer and Mrs. Ida M. Lyon of St. Joseph, Mrs. W. A. Davenport, Palisades, Colo., Mrs. Letha Lewis and Mrs. R. E. DeHaven, LaMonte and Mrs. William Chalfant, Knob Noster, and her brother-in-law A. W. Chatham also of LaMonte.

Mrs. Chatham was a member of the Christian church at LaMonte.

Funeral services will be conducted at the family home in Sweet Springs at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Interment will be in the Sweet Springs cemetery beside the grave of her husband.

**Joyce Elaine Schroeder**

Joyce Elaine Schroeder, infant daughter of Clay and Naomi Schroeder of Beaman, died at 12:45 o'clock this morning at the Bothwell hospital. The infant was born at the hospital Monday afternoon.

The communiqué said the planes hit Mukden in "substantial force," indicating that up to 60 craft participated.

Enemy broadcasts placed the size of the raiding force at about 30 planes and said the bombers were over both the Mukden and Dairen areas for more than

## SOCIAL EVENTS - CLUBS

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Anderson and sons, Bobby and Neil, gave a dinner at their home southeast of Knob Noster Sunday honoring the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, their wives and husbands. There were 66 reservations.

Others present were: Mrs. Emmett Renfrow, daughter Marcella and son Gene, of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Alltop and son Billy of LaMonte, and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Renfrow.

A Christmas banquet and dance were held Wednesday night in the

Ambassador ballroom of Hotel Bothwell for local employees of the American Disinfecting company. The office employees of the American Disinfecting company was entertained Monday night in a candlelight setting in the Ambassador ballroom of Hotel Bothwell.

Rummy was played after the 7 o'clock dinner and gifts were selected by all attending, according to scores.

White candles in cedar and pine cone clusters highlighted the decorative table appointments.

Story-book dolls, dressed in colorful costumes, were presented to each of the guests as favors.

Arrangements for the party were made by Miss Eva Evans, secretary-treasurer of the company.

Attending were Misses Philomena Kraus, Pearl Tongate, Freda Mueller, Anna Mae Huffman, Elizabeth Tomlinson and Cleo Lobaugh, and Mrs. Norbert Ganter. Mrs. Lynn Russell, Mrs. Paul Lingle, Mrs. Lynn Shelby, Mrs. William Ward, Mrs. Jack Williams, Mrs. Nona Clagett, Mrs. Lena Boothe and Miss Evans, employees. Mrs. Charles Simpson and Mrs. Elliott McElroy, former employees, and Mrs. John Rudd Van Dyne, Mrs. Charles Van Dyne and Mrs. George Yeaman.

Mrs. William Peterson, 312 West Broadway, entertained Wednesday afternoon with a dessert bridge the following guests:

Mrs. J. W. Wise, Mrs. C. C. Beardsley, Mrs. Ben Woodhull, Mrs. Norman Wiltrout, Mrs. Betty Kaeser, Mrs. Carl Atkins and Mrs. J. W. Bennett.

Mrs. Beardsley scored for first award and Mrs. Atkins for second, while Mrs. Bennett received the traveling prize.

Mrs. Lewis Leaton entertained at her home north of Knob Noster Saturday afternoon for members of the Merry Matron club, which assisted in programs of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church the past year, and in honor of Mrs. Frank House, who with Mr. House and their son Larry will leave soon for Redlands, Calif.

Mrs. Earl Leaton conducted games in which Mrs. A. W. Bleckschmidt of Warrensburg, Mrs. Vernon Lane and Mrs. Leon Chalfant received awards.

A plate lunch was served.

Those present other than mentioned were: Mrs. Harold C. Svane of Warrensburg, Mrs. Marvin Parrott, Mrs. Spencer Lane, Mrs. Byron Lane and Mrs. Robert Sandifer, Rosemary Lane, William Earl Lane, Russell Earl Leaton, Yvonne Sandifer and Barbara Lane.

Miss Rosalie Craig of 610 West Fourth street was hostess at a Christmas supper party at her apartment Tuesday night for the office girls of Swift and company. The occasion also celebrated the birthday anniversaries of Miss Clarace Hintz and the hostess, which were December 18 and 19, respectively.

A gift exchange and conversation were diversions of the evening. Among gifts received by the honorees was an orchid for the hostess, a gift from her fiance serving overseas with the armed forces.

Guests were Misses Bessie Pritchard, Jeanne Stevens, Dorothy Aldridge and Clarace Hintz.

The annual Christmas party for

## JUST Town Talk

ONE MORNING  
SOME TIME Ago  
A SEDALIA Woman  
ANSWERED HER  
TELEPHONE  
AND A Friend  
AT THE Other End  
OF THE LINE Said  
"COME ON Over  
AND HAVE Breakfast  
WITH US"  
AND THE Listener  
THOUGHT SHE Mentioned  
A MUTUAL Friend  
WHO WAS There  
SHE DIDN'T Ask  
THE CALLER  
WHO SHE Was  
BECAUSE SHE Thought  
SHE KNEW  
HER VOICE  
SO SHE Dashed Over  
TO THE Friend's Home  
ONLY TO Find  
NO ONE At Home  
SHE WENT From There  
TO ANOTHER Home  
WHERE SHE Thought  
THEY MIGHT Be  
AND STILL  
NO ONE At Home  
SHE WENT To A  
THIRD HOME  
AND STILL  
NO ONE Home  
SHE Gave Up  
AND I Don't Believe  
SHE KNOWS Yet  
WHO CALLED Her  
AND WHERE  
THE BREAKFAST Was  
I THANK YOU

the Newcomers' club was held Tuesday afternoon in the auxiliary room of the Elks home, Fourth street and Kentucky avenue, with 40 in attendance.

Bridge and rummy were played after a dessert luncheon. Bridge winners were Mrs. A. E. Steer, first; Mrs. M. J. Heller, second; Mrs. M. Weinman, third and Mrs. R. B. Lamborn, fourth. Mrs. George A. Price and Mrs. Bruzel, held first and second honors in rummy.

Mrs. C. A. Wright, permanent chairman of the Newcomers' club, was assisted in arranging the Christmas party by Mrs. L. J. Banner, Mrs. E. L. Spangler and Mrs. J. H. McQuiddy.

A plate lunch was served.

Those present other than mentioned were: Mrs. Harold C. Svane of Warrensburg, Mrs. Marvin Parrott, Mrs. Spencer Lane, Mrs. Byron Lane and Mrs. Robert Sandifer, Rosemary Lane, William Earl Lane, Russell Earl Leaton, Yvonne Sandifer and Barbara Lane.

The home throughout was decorated in the Christmas motif with bells, wreaths, Santa Clauses, crepe paper and a large Christmas tree with gifts for the gift exchange.

Games were played during the evening with awards going to Miss Mary Renno, Miss Marie Wensh and George M. Ray.

At the close of the evening Mrs. Van Hoesen, assisted by her daughter Patricia, served refreshments to the following guests: Miss Ruby Hinken, Miss Bernice Hinken, Miss Opal Grose, Miss Bernice Grose, Miss Mary Renno, Miss Helen Farley, Miss Marie Wensh, Miss Mary Albertson, Miss June Nieberger, Mrs. Muriel Daugherty, Dorothy Ray, Jerry Jo Morton and George M. Ray.

The annual Christmas dinner and party of Rebekah Home club 125 was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Schilb, 1104 East Broadway, Tuesday night. Mrs. Guy Snyder was assistant hostess.

During the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Fred Anton, Jr., the following officers were elected to serve during 1945: Mrs. M. H. Skaggs, president; Mrs. Charles Goodknight, vice president; Mrs. J. H. Brooks, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. T. E. Gasperton sang several carols and Judy Payne of Moberly spoke on "Peace."

Visitors were Mrs. Wilbur Payne and children of Moberly, Mrs. John Erickson and Mrs. Archie Allen, Jr.

With the exchange of gifts, "mystery pals" were revealed. The home was decorated throughout appropriate for the season.

A basket of canned goods was packed for the Salvation Army.

The next meeting will be the third Tuesday in January at the home of Mrs. T. E. Gasperton.

Mrs. Palmer R. Nichols, 622 East Seventeenth street, entertained Wednesday afternoon at a birthday party for her little son, Nicky, who will be two years old on December 23.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the home with a ceiling high Christmas tree in the living room.

A large red and green birthday cake with two red candles and "Happy Birthday, Nicky" centered on the dining table, and the two candles were blown out by the small honoree, as the little guests sang the Happy Birthday song.

Refreshments of ice cream and cookies in the shape of Christmas trees were served to the following little guests and their mothers: Mrs. H. F. Livengood and Anna Katherine; Mrs. Albert J. Cole and children, Joyce Kay and Delores Faye; Mrs. L. F. Ratje and Janice Kay; Mrs. William A. Morgan and twins, Timmy and Tommy; Mrs. Roy Shoemaker and son Douglas; Mrs. Ray Dirk and Jimmy and Ronnie; Mrs. Hadley Smith and Sandra Kay; Mrs. Forrest Zey and Buster; Mrs. A. B. Case and Charles; Mrs. E. W. Shelby and Mark; Mrs. Harold Madson and Paul; Mrs. James Hosford and George Byron.

Nicky presented each young guest with a candy filled glass toy.

Mrs. Nichols was assisted in entertaining by Nicky's two grandmothers Mrs. Tony J. Turner and Mrs. E. A. Nichols.

Nicky received many nice gifts.

### Call Meeting Off

Because of the busy holiday season no meeting of the War Mothers' club, chapter 1, will be held until January.

### Windsor Youth Is Slightly Wounded

Mrs. Lydia E. Mullins of Windsor has received a telegram from the war department stating that her son, T-5 Jewel M. Mullins, was slightly wounded in France November 24.

The message stated she would be notified when further reports of his condition were received.

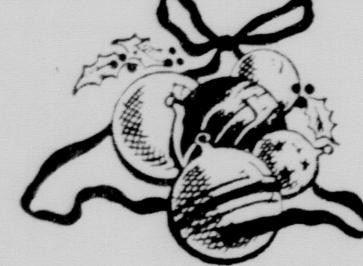
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Christmas story at 7:30 p. m. Friday at the church with all departments of the Sunday school participating in the program. All members of the congregation and friends are invited.

### Program At Broadway Presbyterian Church Friday

The Broadway Presbyterian Sunday school will present a program of recitations, songs, instrumental numbers and a dramatic representation of the friends are invited.

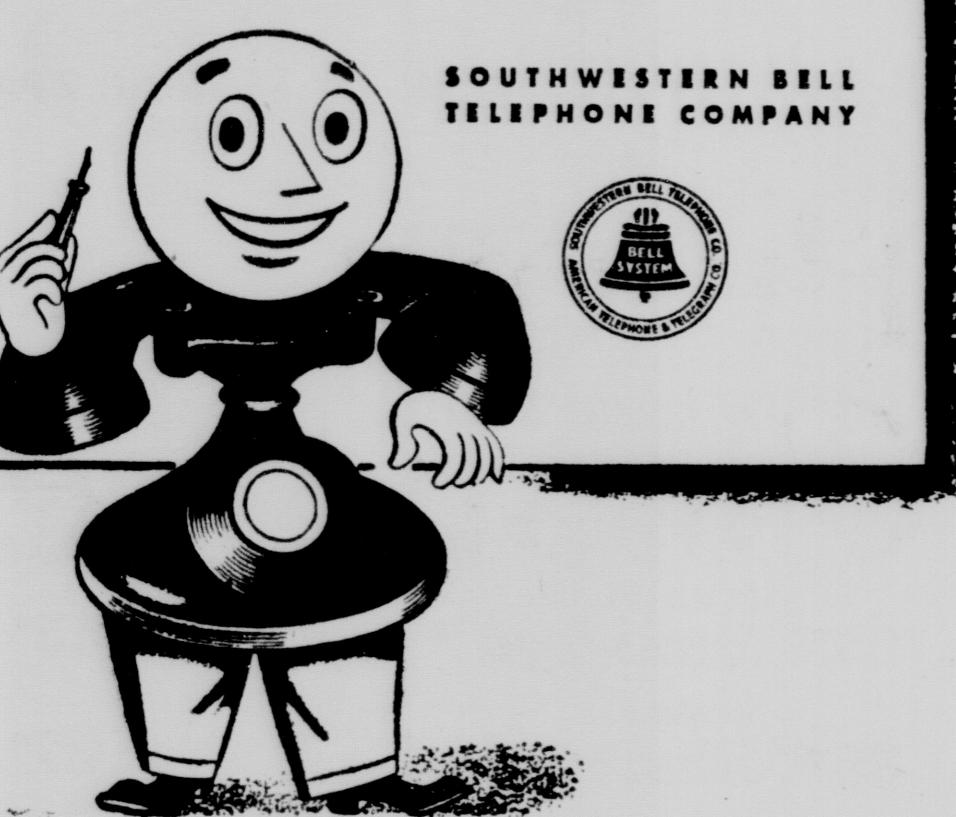
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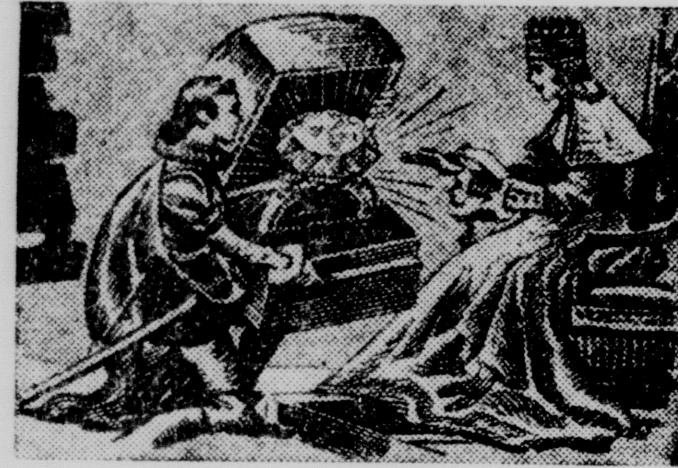
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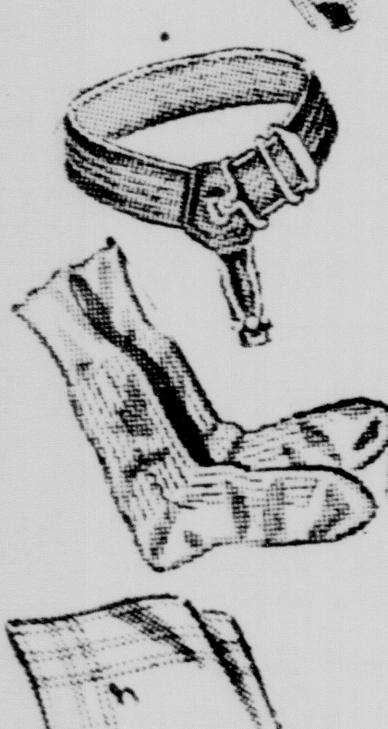
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nation. 36 to 46

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THE DAILY WASHINGTON

## Merry-Go-Round

by DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 — It is no secret that both sides on the western front know pretty much what the other side is doing behind each other's lines. Observation planes fly back and forth, the Nazis have jet-propelled planes which go well over 400 miles an hour — so fast that no fighter plane can catch them, but not too fast to take pictures of Allied operations below.

U. S. observation planes; while not so fast, undoubtedly must have been good enough to note the massing of the German army opposite the First army for what was probably about a week ahead of the big Nazi counter-offensive. However, it is admitted that the First army was taken off guard. No steps had been taken to prepare for the German drive. U. S. commanders apparently figured that the Germans were massing to defend against an American attack.

Also U. S. troops noted the weakening of Nazi forces in the Vosges mountains to the south, which meant that the Germans left this rough snowy mountain area relatively undefended and risked everything. It was a desperate gamble similar to the 1918 Marne offensive.

Here are some of the reasons for the initial success of the daring Nazi move:

1. Marshall von Rundstedt, the ablest German general, is now in complete command. He is the man who argued that the German army should withdraw from France at the time of the Normandy invasion. Erwin Rommel, close friend of Hitler, opposed and it cost the Nazis about 800,000 men. Rommel's death undoubtedly is a blessing to Germany, for it leaves von Rundstedt, a disciple of von Mackensen in the last war, in complete control.

2. The Nazis have tanks superior to ours — their latest Tiger tanks being almost impossible to put out of commission. Even their older tanks have been reinforced with a bulkhead in the nose behind which is poured concrete. This makes it almost impossible for shells, fired head on, to knock them out.

3. The Nazis have developed a new type of mortar, also have been saving their planes and put about 1,200 into battle last week end, also are using more and more robot bombs.

4. The Nazis have brought up a lot of fresh troops, while our men have been fighting for six long months — ever since Normandy. Russians Go Slow

5. Most important and inescapable factor, however, is the let-up of the Red army on the Polish front, plus the stalemate of the two British armies. It was known in advance, though officially denied, that the British would furnish only 30 per cent of the western invasion army, with an even lower percentage of replacements. American troops were to furnish 70 per cent. This is about the ratio followed.

However, it was not contemplated that the Red Army, after reaching the Vistula river and Warsaw, would stop and detour through Budapest to Vienna. While the Germans probably haven't been able to shift many troops from the Polish front, they have been able to use far less munitions; in other words, if the Nazis had been fighting heavily on two fronts, their supply and production problems would have been terrific. As it is, they can now concentrate the major portion of their supplies on the western front.

Last fall when the Red army

## 'Bond For Baby Certificate'



This is a copy of a certificate that is presented for the purchase of a Series E War Bond in the "Bonds for Baby" program sponsored by the United States Treasury department. Name of the baby, any child from babyhood up to ten years, will be inscribed on the certificate which will be signed by Walter Head, state war finance chairman. Colorful Walt Disney figures decorate the awards, which when framed, make an attractive decoration for a nursery. The inscription says: "This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is the owner of a War Bond, thereby becoming an investor in this country's fight for human liberty and a contributor in a world struggle to make life free and forever peaceful for all men."

## Verdict In Suit To Defendant

After deliberating 35 minutes a circuit court jury found for the defendants, Sydney M. Swope and James Wiley, of Hughesville, in a lawsuit over the sale of real estate, giving the verdict about 5:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The plaintiff, Charles Horn, easued up on the Polish front, highest U. S. war chiefs had their experts make a study of that front and report whether the Russians were easing up on purpose. The report was that the Red army had actually tried to cross the Vistula, that German fortifications were extremely strong and that the Red army needed more supplies.

At least two months have dragged on since then. Regardless of the factors, it is no secret that U. S. military men are bitterly disappointed at the Russian delay. They have been hopeful recently, however, that with the ground frozen the Polish offensive will soon start.

It is the biggest factor to watch in the entire war.

## Battle of State Department

Senators Pepper, Guffey and Chandler had an interesting conversation with the president when they called him on the phone to ask whether the Stettinius-Hopkins state department appointments really represented his own personal choice. They especially mentioned to him James C. Dunn and Brig. Gen. Julius Holmes, the latter known as a strong anti-Roosevelt man, and both of them linked with the pro-Vichy, anti-de Gaulle group which snarled things up in North Africa. Roosevelt replied that Dunn was Secretary Hull's personal choice as assistant secretary of state, and implied that a request for Dunn's promotion had been made when Hull resigned.

Regarding Holmes, the president replied that he should be given a trial and if he didn't work out be removed.

Roosevelt added that he was glad the liberal senators had made the fight against the state department new executives.

It was a very healthy thing and will put them on guard for the future," he remarked.

Note — Those who have watched Roosevelt operate over the years all agree that if there is one thing he is famous for it is failure to remove an official who doesn't function. In all his twelve years of office there have been only three known cases where Roosevelt has removed outright a relatively high official. Usually he shifts them to another job or promotes them.

## Capital Chaff

Inside fact is that it was self-effacing brain-truster Ben Cohen who first sold Senator Joe Ball of Minnesota the idea of having a talk with Roosevelt regarding foreign policy before elections. Cohen met Ball in New York and planted the first seeds which led to Ball's famous switch to Roosevelt. . . . But when Cohen passed word along to Harry Hopkins and the meeting with Roosevelt took place, Ben was left out in the cold. Harry, not Ben, sat in on the conference which made history. . . . The only senator who voted against the confirmation of Ed Stettinius as secretary of state was Bill Langer of North Dakota. Since then seven senators have told him he was absolutely right. . . . Senators Pepper of Florida and Guffey of Pennsylvania always have been ahead of their time when it comes to foreign policy, always have been proved right in the end. . . . In May, 1940, before France fell, Pepper proposed a resolution by which France and Britain could buy U. S. army planes immediately. Other senators snorted, said it was an insult to the foreign relations committee, demanded that it be rejected in 24 hours. It was. . . . The only senator who joined with Pepper in voting for his resolution was Guffey of Pennsylvania. . . . At that time, as now, Pepper got no support from the White House. But a few weeks later, Roosevelt dipped into U. S. arsenals without permission from congress and rushed all sorts of munitions to Britain. This was one factor which probably tipped the scales in England's favor in the Battle of Britain.

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## John A. Ferguson To Gas Association

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 21 (P)—John A. Ferguson, member of the Missouri public service commission for the past nine years, has been appointed executive director of the Independent Natural Gas Association of America, E. Buddrus of Chicago, president of the association, announced.

After the appointment becomes effective on January 1, Ferguson will open offices for the association in Washington, D. C. Buddrus said. The association has its offices here at present.

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## Wheat Has A Good Start

### Possible Billion Bushels Crop For The Coming Year

By Ovid A. Martin

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—The nation may be headed for another billion bushel wheat harvest in 1945.

The agriculture department reported Wednesday the winter wheat crop was off to such a favorable start this fall that harvest next summer may total 761,591,000 bushels.

This estimate was determined, the department said, from factors now measurable, such as the reported condition of the crops as of December 1, and rainfall and temperatures to date.

To be added to the winter wheat production from spring wheat seeded next spring. While no estimate of spring wheat production can be made at this time, officials said a 300,000,000-bushel crop was possible.

A billion bushels would be more than ample to meet expected needs during the 1945-46 season. Next year's production will be supplemented by reserves from this year, now expected to total about 400,000 bushels next July 1.

This year's harvest gave 764,073,000 bushels of winter wheat and 314,574,000 of spring wheat—a total, 1,078,647,000 to top all records.

**Rating High In Missouri**  
COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 21—(AP)—Condition of Missouri's estimated 1,800,000 acres of wheat was rated at 90 per cent Wednesday by federal-state cooperative crop reporting service. The rating was highest for any December in the past 10 years.

The 1,800,000 acres estimate, also announced today, was 5 per cent over last year but below the 10-year average of 2,031,000. The prospective 14-bushel-per-acreage production would total 25,200,000 bushels.

Rye acreage was placed at 229,-

## Looking Backward FORTY YEARS AGO

Sedalia aerie No. 601, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will have a "coffee" and rabbit stew at their hall over Dow's drug store Friday night of this week.

The Rev. Thornhill of Calhoun has been called to the pastorate of the LaMonte Baptist church and the Rev. J. S. Denton of Windsor has been called as pastor of the Elk Fork Baptist church.

C. L. Beard has arrived from his home in Dunbar, Neb., for a visit

000 against 175,000 for last fall and condition of the crop is more promising than in any December since 1931.

**Masonic Notice**  
Sedalia Council No. 42, R. and S. M., will meet in state assembly on Thursday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:30 o'clock. Annual election of officers and other business of importance. All members invited to attend.

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## Report Gasoline And Food Thefts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—Reports that thefts of gasoline and food from supply lines has been a serious problem for American armies in Europe brought talk on Wednesday of a congressional investigation.

Both senate and house committees evinced interest in press dispatches saying that pilfering of supplies reached such proportions at one time as to menace military operations, but had since been curbed.

Dispatches have told of instances of American soldiers selling supplies and of gangsters "hi-jacking" them for resale on the black market.

Acting Chairman Thomason (D-Tex) of the house military committee said the question of an inquiry probably would hinge on the reports brought back by a subcommittee which has been inspect-

ing battle front conditions. Members of this group are expected to return here shortly.

"The committee members who toured Europe probably will have some information on this subject when they return," Thomason said.

Today, however, the war department said it had no information on the extent of pilfering or hijacking, referring all queries to the European theatre. It said it had

no information indicating that lack of supplies had hampered the Allied defense against the current German counter offensive.

Chairman Mead (D-N.Y.) disclosed that two members of the senate war investigating committee are going to North Africa after Christmas and intend to discuss the pilfering problem with army authorities there. Senators Burton (R-Ohio) and Tunnell (D-Del.) will make the trip.

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## What of Tomorrow?

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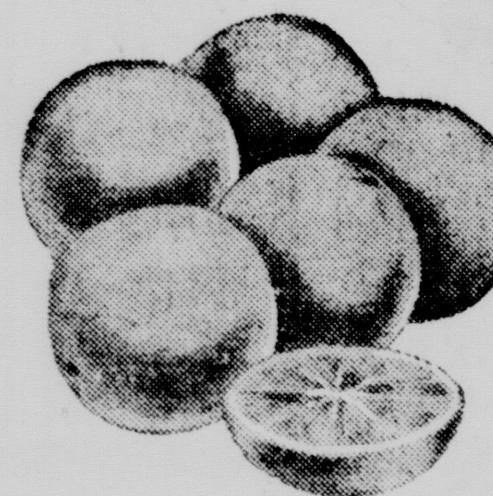


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Hershey Cocoa Famous Quality 2 1/2 lb. 19c  
Canada Dry Ginger Ale or Sparkling Water—Plus Deposit 28 oz. 15c  
Mayonnaise Nu Made 8 oz. 15c  
Highest Quality Jar. 27c

**Delicious Apples** Washington Large Red ... lb. 12c  
**Emperor Grapes** Sweet Red ... lb. 23c  
**Pascal Celery** Fresh, Crisp ... lb. 15c  
**Potatoes** Triumphs 10-lb. 42c  
**Yams** Porto Rican Variety 9c  
**Cauliflower** Delicious Baked or Candied ... lb. 17c  
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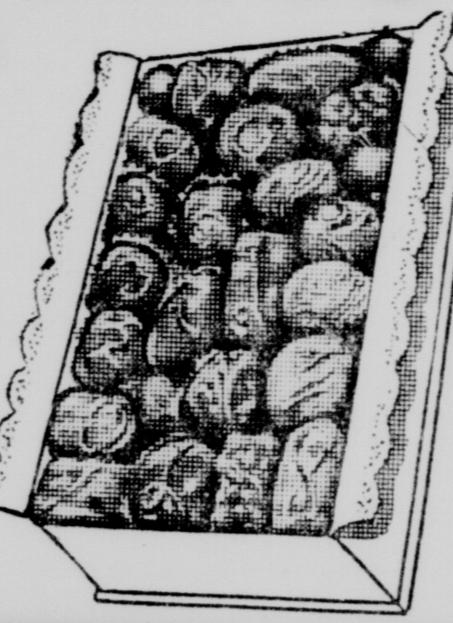
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# Tigers Beat Marshall Owls Here 34-23

High Scorers Were Thompson For Tigers Evans For Marshall

Smith-Cotton Tigers, Wednesday night defeated the Marshall high school Owls in basketball 34 to 23 on the local high school court. From the start of the game until the final bell the game was all Sedalia's.

Taking the lead in the first quarter 15 to 2, the Tigers were continuously in the lead by at least ten points. At the halftime period the score was 21 to 11; third quarter score was 28 to 18 and the final 34-23.

Marshall's aggregation came to Sedalia determined to defeat the Tigers, but appeared a little too confident, which proved costly after the local team took over the lead. The scoring of the visiting players was about even with Evans scoring eight points for high point man. Bear next with four points.

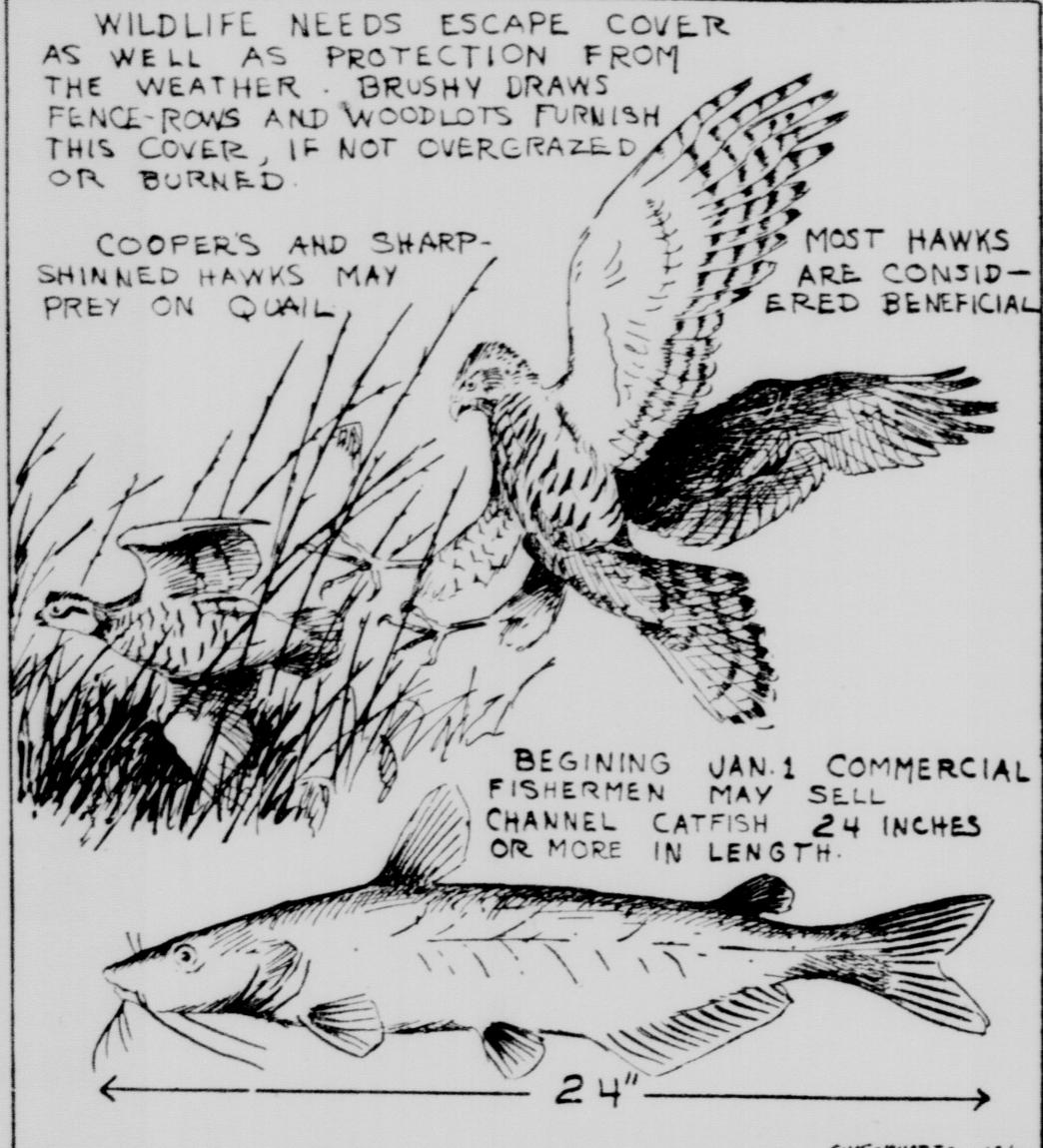
**Thompson High Scorer**

Thompson playing center for the Tigers scoring sixteen points was high point man for his aggregation and Herrick, forward next with nine points.

This was the last game for the Varsity for 1944, and they will resume the schedule on Tuesday night January 2, meeting Central

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Score of the Varsity game:

TIGERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Harrison F	4	2	5	9
Harmon F	0	0	0	0
Caldwell F	1	3	1	5
Thomas F	0	0	1	0
Thompson C	6	4	2	16
Miller C	0	0	0	0
Livengood G	0	1	5	1
Hunt G	0	2	1	2
Kephley G G	0	1	5	1
Sewell G	0	0	0	0
Egbert F	0	0	0	0
Total	11	12	20	34

OWLS	FG	FT	F	TP
Bear F	1	2	5	3
Brown F	1	3	1	3
Brooks F	1	0	5	2
Evans C	3	2	3	8
Hayes C	0	0	0	0
Miller G	0	1	5	1
Lewis G	0	1	5	1
Schrader G	1	2	0	0
Total	6	11	19	24

Reference: Clarence Whiteman, Warrensburg.  
Timekeeper: Ralph Dow, Sedalia.  
Scorer: Ryckman, Sedalia.  
Coaches: Albert Steiner, Sedalia; Bill Lyons, Marshall.

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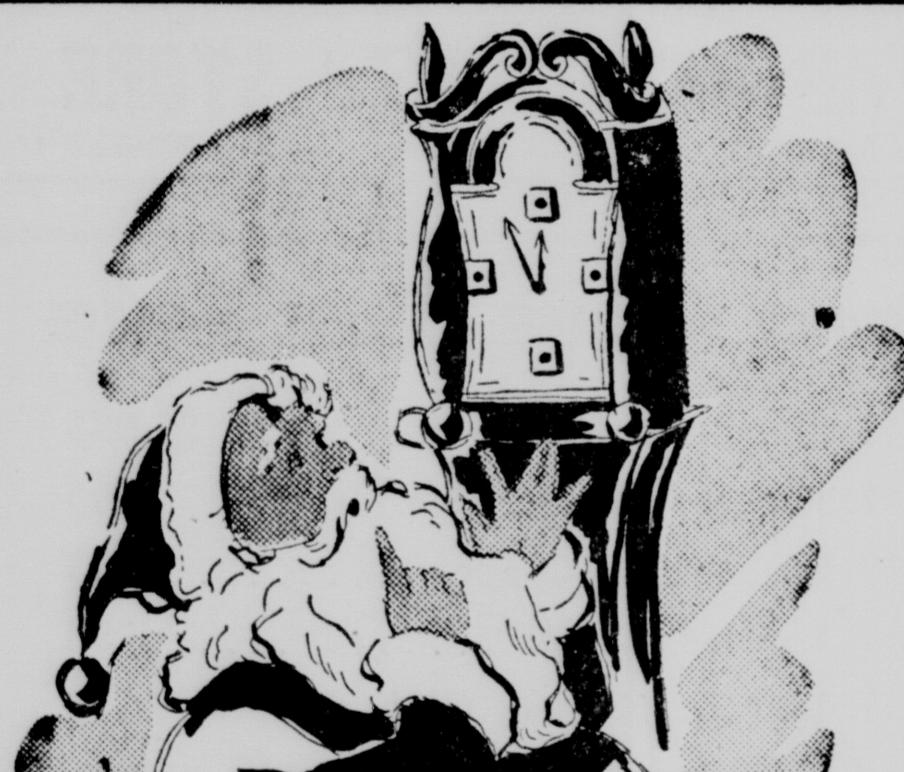
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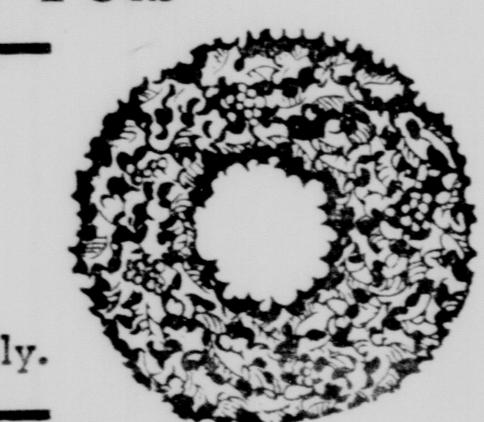
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Moses Dies

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 21—(AP)—R. W. Brown, President of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation for 19 years before his retirement last month, died of cerebral hemorrhage Wednesday night at his home here. He was 69.

Brown was director of the Farm Credit Administration at St. Louis from 1934 to 1940, and was president of the American Royal Livestock show at Kansas City in 1910—both positions that came to him during a lifelong devotion to agricultural development.

Born in Australia, he was brought to the United States when a small child and was educated in Missouri rural schools and the University of Missouri. His home was at Carrollton, Mo., although he also maintained a residence and office here.

He had been ill in a Concord hospital for over a year and had just returned to his home for the Christmas holidays when death came of coronary thrombosis.

His widow and his only son, Gordon, were with him when he died. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

He first went to the United States senate in 1918 to fill the unexpired term of the late Jacob H. Gallinger and he soon became widely known for his fearless independence as a shrewd political doper.

Moses was president pro tempore of the U. S. senate for eight years before his enforced retirement in 1932.

## Caustic In Remarks

He enjoyed a reputation as one of the nation's most pungent phrase makers during his career as a legislator, diplomat and scholar.

Some of his more caustic statements went into the pages of American political history, and his designation of senate members of a farm bloc as "sons of the wild jackass" once stirred up a nationally publicized battle. He intended to apologize or withdraw his statement.

Moses had an extremely wide acquaintanceship within which he was known as a vigorous friend and a wily foe. He served as U. S. minister to Greece and Montenegro from 1909 to 1912, and knew intimately the European personages of that day.

After his unsuccessful attempt to win a fourth term against Fred H. Brown, Democrat, in 1932, he regarded himself, he said, as "only of nuisance value to the Republican party."

A report from regional WMC director, Ed McDonald Wednesday asserted it may be necessary to set a ceiling on the number of men who may work for any employer in the 4-state area, in order to make available supplies of male labor for more urgent production.

"The recently expanded program in small arms and heavy artillery ammunition will require a minimum employment of over 23,000 additional workers during the next few months," McDonald said. (This figure is included in the ultimate requirement of 80,000 more workers.)

## Immediate Need

The immediate increase needed has been distributed within the 4-state area as follows: Eudora, Kas., 1,660; Kansas City, 7,500; St. Louis, 9,435; Little Rock, 1,725; Parsons, Kas., 1,050; Miami Okla., 713; and Topeka, Kas., 470.

McDonald said that one of the most serious problems in keeping the war plants staffed is the high rate of employee turnover. This has risen recently, he said, due to optimism over an early end of the war in Europe. Workers are asking for transfer to non-essential work that offers postwar security.

In urging the vital need to increase the number of essential male workers, McDonald said, "the time may soon come when, manpower ceilings on non-essential activities will be set sufficiently below present employment levels to make the needed supplies of male labor available."

Horace Mann PTA Program

Horace Mann Parent-Teacher association held its December meeting Monday at the school with Mrs. L. D. Rice presiding over the business session. The devotional was led by Doris Farnell.

Constituting the program, a Christmas operetta, "A Christmas Dream," under the direction of Miss Ida May Redkey, was presented with the assistance of the stage crew and the orchestra which played carols between scenes.

The following children participated in the play:

Scene 1, "The Lullabye": Six girls—Dolores Gorseit, Leah Townsend, Charlotte Salveter, Mary Lou Weathers, Dorothy Wasson and Patsy McKinley; angels—Eileen Friend, Elaine Schaberg and Eleanor Oversby.

Scene 2, "North Pole":—Jack Frost—Billy Hampton; Santa Claus—Harvey Herrick; White Christmas—Juanita Green; Snowflakes—Berlene Curtis, Jeanette Rucker and Mary A. Hutchison.

Scene 3, "Lollipop Lane":—Brownies—Lyle Brown, Carl Miller, J. D. Sherman, Donald Lauderberg, Drexel Harris, Gene Watts; Jack-in-the-box—Jimmie Horn; Merry Christmas—Doris Jean Steele; Sugar Plum Fairy—Joyce Carr; Candy Sticks—Patsy Brown, Doris Pummill, Arlene Burnett and DeAnn Rodgers; Waltzing Doll—Leora Rice.

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\$1,673,250,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—Pres. Roosevelt signed a bill authorizing a \$1,673,250,000 federal contribution toward a \$3,173,250,000 three-year postwar highway program.

And, in an accompanying statement, he praised congress for having made possible advance planning of "needed facilities on a sound basis." Mr. Roosevelt added:

"Now it becomes a challenge to the states, counties and cities which must originate the specific projects and get the program ready for construction after the war ends."

States would supply \$1,500,000,000 on a 50-50 matching basis to become eligible for the larger share of the federal money authorized by the bill.

The federal cash still has to be appropriated, however.

Mr. Roosevelt noted that the legislation made several important changes in national policy for highway development. He commented on the authority for designation by state and federal governments of an inter-regional highway network.

He said the measure also "gives practical recognition to the transportation problem of our cities by extending federal aid to projects in urban areas which will reduce traffic congestion and accidents."

The President observed, additionally, that substantial authorizations were included for farm-to-market roads serving rural populations and that funds were authorized on a matching basis with the states for beavering, at least, "the huge task of replacing or rebuilding the main roads on our federal aid system which are being worn out by the heavy burden of wartime traffic."

Entertains  
the Oak Point Club

Mrs. H. W. Tegtmeyer, assisted by Mrs. Pauline Correll, entertained members of Oak Point Extension club recently. When Mrs. C. W. Heffelfinger called the meeting to order 13 members responded to roll call by giving roll call subject suggestions for the January meeting.

An acknowledgement from Miss Dorothy Bacon for a sympathy card sent her from the club was read as was the approval for the Standard of Achievement for 1944 club work.

Christmas songs were led by Mrs. Correll, the Christmas story as recorded in the second chapter of Luke was read by Mrs. Murray Wood and Miss Dorothy Rieckoff played several piano numbers.

A sum of \$155 was realized at the sale dinner served by Oak Point Extension club members assisted by a few non-members at Hill View December 6. The organization agreed to donate two-thirds of the amount to the Oak Point Parent-Teacher association to be used in the hot lunch program.

Democrat-Capital Class ads get results, 10 words, 1 week, 80c Phone 1000.

Horace Mann  
PTA Program

Horace Mann Parent-Teacher association held its December meeting Monday at the school with Mrs. L. D. Rice presiding over the business session. The devotional was led by Doris Farnell.

Constituting the program, a Christmas operetta, "A Christmas Dream," under the direction of Miss Ida May Redkey, was presented with the assistance of the stage crew and the orchestra which played carols between scenes.

The following children participated in the play:

Scene 1, "The Lullabye": Six girls—Dolores Gorseit, Leah Townsend, Charlotte Salveter, Mary Lou Weathers, Dorothy Wasson and Patsy McKinley; angels—Eileen Friend, Elaine Schaberg and Eleanor Oversby.

Scene 2, "North Pole":—Jack Frost—Billy Hampton; Santa Claus—Harvey Herrick; White Christmas—Juanita Green; Snowflakes—Berlene Curtis, Jeanette Rucker and Mary A. Hutchison.

Scene 3, "Lollipop Lane":—Brownies—Lyle Brown, Carl Miller, J. D. Sherman, Donald Lauderberg, Drexel Harris, Gene Watts; Jack-in-the-box—Jimmie Horn; Merry Christmas—Doris Jean Steele; Sugar Plum Fairy—Joyce Carr; Candy Sticks—Patsy Brown, Doris Pummill, Arlene Burnett and DeAnn Rodgers; Waltzing Doll—Leora Rice.

The second and third grade room mothers and teachers, under supervision of Mrs. S. J. Odell, served refreshments.

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Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kahn, Mrs. Sylvain Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kahn, S. G. Whipple, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harding, Miss Mary Sullivan, Miss Lena Bassett, Miss Mabel Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bouldin, Mrs. Verna Winfrey, Mrs. George Aruckle, Mrs. Marie Spendifff, Mrs. Carrie Gilkey, Jack Hendon and Bob Rapp.

Mrs. Dowding was assisted in entertaining by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Damrill.

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## Mukden Is Bombed By 60 B-29's

In Air Battle  
Two Lost And 33  
Fighters Of The  
Enemy Were Hit

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—  
B-29's Superfortresses, fighting  
through moderate to strong air  
opposition, today bombed a Japa-  
nese aircraft plant at Mukden,  
Manchuria—the third enemy air  
plane factory to be blasted this  
week.

In the air battle, two of the  
force of about 60 B-29's were lost  
and 33 enemy fighters were hit.  
B-29 crews reported on their  
return to China bases that 15 en-  
emy planes certainly were de-  
stroyed, seven probably destroyed  
and 11 others damaged.

A war department communiqué  
reported the Superfortresses used  
visual bombing methods and  
"struck the target with good re-  
sults."

"The weather was clear, but  
haze and smoke obscured part of the  
bombing results from the B-  
29 crews," it was added. "The en-  
emy's antiaircraft fire was mea-  
ger."

The Japanese radio reported that  
B-29's also bombed Dairen, prin-  
cipal port of the enemy's Man-  
churian puppet state, but there  
was no mention of this in the  
American communiqué. Radio  
Tokyo said three or four Saipan-  
based B-29's flew over Honshu,  
main Japanese island, last night  
and early today but did "absolutely  
no damage." It also belatedly  
reported that Iwo Jima, Japanese  
base in the Volcano Islands 750  
miles south of Tokyo, was bombed  
by about 15 Superfortresses on  
Wednesday, Japanese time.

No official information was  
available here on the size and na-  
ture of the Japanese aircraft plant  
at Mukden. The city itself has a  
population approaching 3,000,000  
and is an important steel center  
as well as the site of other war  
industries.

**Raided December 7**  
B-29's in a raid Dec. 7 found the  
city strongly defended and bagged  
63 enemy planes, shot down or  
damaged, while losing three of  
their own.

Today's raid was the third major  
one by China-based B-29's this  
week. On Monday, they hit Han-  
kow, China, principal port of supply  
for the Japanese forces in  
south-central China. On Tuesday,  
they bombed an aircraft plant at  
Omura, Japan. Saipan-based Su-  
perfortresses bombed still another  
Japanese aircraft factory at Nagoya,  
Japan, Monday in carrying out the  
general strategy of destroying  
Japanese airpower at its source.

An indication that the problem  
of getting gasoline in quantity to  
China bases has been pretty well  
solved was seen in the fact that  
the China-based B-29's are now  
able to carry out raids with such  
frequency. It was suggested also in  
a statement at Chungking by Maj-  
Gen. Robert M. McClure, U. S.  
chief of staff in the China theater,  
that the Americans hope to con-  
tinue combined raid such as the  
joint attack on Hankow by B-29's  
and the planes of the U. S. 14th  
air force and the Chinese-American  
composite wing.

It was disclosed some time ago  
that a pipeline had been completed  
from bases in India to a point  
in northern Burma, thereby short-  
ening the haul for planes which  
have flown gasoline into China.  
There has been no disclosure as  
to whether this pipeline has been  
extended.

## Secretary May Go to London

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—  
The possibility arose today that  
Secretary of State Stettinius might  
go to London as a preliminary to  
a Big Three meeting.

British Foreign Minister An-  
THONY EDEN called for a reestab-  
lishment of "quarterly meetings of  
foreign secretaries" of the great  
powers in the house of commons  
yesterday.

The British have clearly shown  
for some time their ardent wish  
to have a high Allied conference  
of their home ground and it seems  
out of the question that Marshal  
Stalin would be willing to travel  
that far to meet President Roose-  
velt and Prime Minister Churchill  
in England.

The flare-ups in Greece and It-  
aly bared differences in Anglo-  
American policy towards liberated  
Europe which both sides have  
expressed their interest in talking  
out.

Whether Stettinius will travel to  
London before the Big Three meet  
depends on President Roosevelt,  
say well informed sources. So far  
no decision has been taken, they  
said.

## The Weather

Fair Friday, warmer west and  
north portions, highest tempera-  
tures 25 to 30; partly cloudy and  
cold Friday night, with lowest 5  
north border to 15 south portion  
Saturday fair, somewhat colder  
west and north portions.

No Draft Inductions  
Christmas—New Year's

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—  
The army will suspend its draft  
induction machinery for Christmas  
and again for New Year's.

The war department announced  
today that on December 24 and  
25 and again on December 31 and  
January 1 "there will be no pre-  
induction physical examinations,  
no inductions of selective service  
registrants and no transfer" of  
inductees to their stations.

## S-C Students Have Program For Kiwanians

Club's Officers  
Will be Installed  
December 28

A Christmas program of music  
was presented before the Sedalia  
Kiwanis club at its meeting in  
Bothwell Hotel Thursday noon  
under the program chairmanship  
of William Ward, sponsored by  
the Helen G. Steele Music club.

Participating were a group of  
Smith-Cotton high school students  
singing Christmas Carols and di-  
rected by Music Supervisor, Miss  
Frances Brunkhorst. They were:  
Barbara Roberts, June Decker,  
Patty Davis, Marilyn Morris, Mar-  
ilyn Williams, Jean Hulse, Gor-  
don Capes, Edgar Mehl, Billy  
Estes, Fred Robertson, Buddy Arn-  
old, Bob Cowan, with Rosalie  
Marshall, piano accompanist.

Several piano numbers were  
played by Miss Lillian Fox, and  
vocal solos were sung by Miss  
Brunkhorst with Miss Fox accom-  
panist.

**Installation December 28**

President Harry Brunkhorst an-  
nounced that installation of 1945  
officers and committee chairmen  
would be held at the club's next  
meeting, December 28.

Guests were: John W. Young,  
Greenup, Mo., and Dr. T. T. Bragg,  
Atlanta, Georgia, father-in-law  
and brother-in-law respectively of  
Laurence E. Roberts; George Mc-  
Laughlin, Honolulu, with his  
brother, E. H. McLaughlin; Ser-  
geant Jim Giokari, with Clyde  
Heyen; and Clarence Evans,  
Dresden, with the Rev. H. U.  
Campbell.

**Pvt. Leo Simon  
Dies of Wounds**

Pvt. Leo Joseph Simon, 20, son  
of August Simon, of LaMonte,  
route 3, reported wounded in  
France, November 29, died there  
December 6, according to a mes-  
sage received by his father Thurs-  
day morning. The first message  
telling of his wounds, was received  
December 11.

Pvt. Simon was born and rear-  
ed in this county. He attended  
Sacred Heart school, and was  
graduated from Smith-Cotton  
high school. He entered the army  
January 14, 1943, and went over-  
seas last September.

He leaves his father and one  
sister, Miss Margaret Simon, 42,  
West Third street. His mother  
in 1933.

Mrs. Simon was Miss Josephine  
Bahrer, and her sister, Miss Lena  
Bahrer, married August Simon's  
brother, Jacob Simon.

The two brothers and two  
sisters reared their families in  
one home, and the double cousins  
were more like brothers and  
sisters. In the Jacob Simon family  
surviving are: Mr. and Mrs. Simon,  
Mary, Joseph and Andrew,  
drew, of the home, Anthony  
Simon, Kansas City, Miss Ottilla  
Simon, Centerville, Ia., and Law-  
rence Simon, in the navy, station-  
ed in the European area.

**Parents Receive Award Given  
Posthumously to Son**

Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Dickman,  
722 East Ninth street, have received  
the Purple Heart and the pres-  
idential citation which was  
awarded posthumously to their  
son, First Lieut. Charles William  
Dickman, who was shot down in a  
mission over Germany February 24,  
1944. The German govern-  
ment reported in September that  
the young man, who was a navi-  
gator, is dead.

**Bothwell Hospital Notes**

Sherman Christian, 1122 East  
Third street; Mrs. W. F. Keith,  
route 3, Sedalia and Mrs. W. K.  
Finken and son, route 2, LaMonte,  
dismissed.

**Steal 110 Cartons  
Of Cigarettes**

Sixty cartons of Chesterfields  
and fifty cartons of Lucky Strikes  
cigarettes were apparently stolen  
from the basement of Norman  
Stevens, 715 West Broadway  
Tuesday night.

**Opportunity To Borrow**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—  
One out of every eight soldiers at  
home and abroad wants to operate  
a little business or farm after he  
leaves the army, a war department  
survey showed today.

Under the "GI bill of rights,"  
veterans may borrow up to \$4,000  
to obtain a farm or business with  
the government guaranteeing half  
of the loan.

**Christmas Program At  
High School Today**

The annual Christmas assembly  
program will be held at the Smith-  
Cotton high school at 2:30 o'clock  
Friday afternoon to which the  
public is invited.

A musical program will be pre-  
pared by the four uniformed sons  
of the four uniformed sons will  
broadcast a Christmas message to  
the nation, and the sented under the direction of Miss

Frances Brunkhorst.

As workmen began putting in

## Producing of Arms Be Stepped Up

Stimson Implies  
Expected Nazi  
Lunge Will Fall  
Short Of Purpose

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—  
Germany's powerful counter-offensive  
led government officials tonight to  
resurvey arms production

plans on the basis that heavy  
fighting may continue in  
Europe for a year or longer.

Against this dark possi-  
bility, however, Secretary of War  
Stimson set another—the  
possibility that the war  
may be "definitely shortened"

if the Nazi effort can be  
crushed.

But even if the Stimson-fore-  
seen possibility should prove true,  
it appeared certain that the pres-  
ent rate of arms production must  
be stepped up because of the  
enormous losses of materiel in the  
current heavy fighting. This would  
mean further delay in increasing  
production of civilian goods.

WPB Chairman J. A. Krug told  
a news conference that "greatly  
increased demands on production"  
would result from the Nazi coun-  
teroffensive.

"If General Eisenhower had been  
able to break through the west-  
wall promptly, the equipment we  
had under procurement would  
have been sufficient," he said.

"He hasn't been able to, and it  
looks as if it may take quite a  
long time. We must get ready to  
fight the kind of war we've been  
fighting in the last two months for  
the next year or as long as it  
takes."

**Might Extend Time**

Stimson, at his news conference,  
strongly implied that he expects  
the German lunge to fall short.

The secretary compared it with  
the desperate drives of the same  
enemy in 1918 which were beaten  
and followed quickly by the war's  
end.

In addition to the widow and the  
parents, Cpl. Hall is survived by  
four brothers, two of them in military  
service, and three sisters.

They are Sgt. Royce Hall, with a  
tank destroyer battalion in Germany;  
Pfc. Earl Hall, with the Red  
army high command had gone so  
far as to be promoted to the  
Americans and to British the date for  
the start of its offensive. This  
could not be confirmed in Ameri-  
can military quarters, but there is  
strong evidence that the Allies  
know of and are counting on the  
new Russian push.

One such indication was Secre-  
tary of War Stimson's remark to  
a news conference today that "the  
German high command must be  
prepared to meet the Russian  
winter offensive, wherever it may  
strike."

Prime Minister Churchill, speak-  
ing to the House of Commons last  
Friday, asserted: "I know nothing  
of their intentions, but speaking  
only of what is obvious to anyone  
who studies war maps, Russian  
armies will probably during the  
early part of next year traverse  
large areas of Poland."

It seems apparent that the  
Americans armies have been out  
generalized but not outflanked in the  
first days of this attack. Individu-  
ally and collectively, the junior  
officers and fighting men in pre-  
carious positions have risen to  
surprising heights.

There undoubtedly are multiple  
reasons for the American set-  
back and it is going to take weeks  
and perhaps months to assess them  
truly. It was not due, however, to  
any shortage of men and material  
in the broad sense.

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Either Churchill was covering  
up military knowledge he already  
possessed, informed sources indi-  
cated, or since then, some word  
has come to the Allies from Mos-  
cow.

The date and place of the pro-  
jected offensive remain military  
secrets.

## Death To Woman Philanthropist

TEXARKANA, Ark., Dec. 21.—  
(P)—Mrs. Ida Bottoms, 84, widow  
of George W. Bottoms, Texas  
lumber king, died at her home  
here today. She was an outstand-  
ing philanthropist.

Mrs. Bottoms built a church at  
Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, costing  
\$112,500 and another in Palestine  
costing \$10,000. A trust fund she  
established for the Baptist Home  
Mission Board yielded \$40,000 a  
year. A dormitory at Ouachita  
college is named for her. She also  
donated to Central College, Con-  
way, Ark., and Butler College,  
Dallas, Tex. She established the  
Bottoms Orphanage at Monticello,  
Ark. Her husband died in 1924.

Few Missourians over 26 have  
been drafted in recent months be-  
cause of liberalized deferment reg-  
ulations issued last spring when  
the army announced it wanted only  
young men, but now quotas are  
being stepped up and the supply of  
youthful registrants is almost  
exhausted.

That means selective service will  
have to dip deeply into its supply  
of men over 26 "who are not in es-  
sential employment," Earp said.

## Cpl Lewis Hall Dies In Action

Former Sedalian  
Killed In Germany  
On December 12

Cpl. Lewis Hall, 27, son of Mr.  
and Mrs. A. B. Hall, 1911 South  
Quincy avenue, was killed in action  
in Joplin Thursday morning by his  
wife, Mrs. Henrietta Hall, who  
notified his parents by telephone  
of the war department information.

Cpl. Hall, who had been over-  
seas about four months, was in a field  
artillery company.

He had lived in Joplin for about  
five years before he was inducted into  
service in September of 1942. He  
received his basic training at Camp  
Campbell, Ky., later was stationed  
at several other camps in the country,  
and had returned to Camp Campbell before  
being sent to a port of embarkation.

When it comes, informed sources  
said tonight, it will disclose a new  
alignment of Red army forces,  
spearheaded toward the heart of  
Germany.

While it probably will not have  
any immediate effect on the dis-  
tant western front, where the U. S.  
First army is the main target of  
the German advance, the Red army  
drive is calculated to hasten the  
eventual collapse of Hitler's forces.

Soviet sources said the Red  
army high command had gone so  
far as to be promoted to the  
Americans and to British the date for  
the start of its offensive. This  
could not be confirmed in Ameri-  
can military quarters, but there is  
strong evidence that the Allies  
know of and are counting on the  
new Russian push.

It is going to be a black Christ-  
mas on the western front whether  
or not the drive is checked. Many  
formations have been badly mauled,  
supplies have been used up and lost,  
and the fighting still is largely being played  
to Von Rundstedt's tune.

Only on the flanks in Luxem-  
bourg in the south and in the  
Malmedy-Stavelot sector in the north  
had the German advance been  
halted.

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## Germans Cut Vital Highway In Advance To South Of Liege

(Continued From Page One)

front garrison and railway town of Trier back of the Luxembourg front.

The powerful northward drive, traveling 30 miles in three and a half days, reached the hamlet of Habiemont, 18 miles south of civilian-evacuated Liege, supreme headquarters said.

A report from British-Canadian headquarters declared a German armored column had reached Weisbomont, about two miles farther west and astride the all-important lateral highway leading from Liege to Bastogne, four miles inside Belgium west of the Luxembourg frontier.

### Nazis Claim 20,000 Prisoners

The German communiqué, claiming a total bag of 20,000 prisoners, asserted this highway had been cut "on a broad front" in a push through the Ardennes forest, and that American supply columns had been caught "and rolled over by German tanks." It claimed 136 American tanks were destroyed.

The broad Luxembourg push threatened to become as serious as the thrust across Belgium. Reports from the front said that some Germans, presumably English-speaking, had been caught in American uniforms—a violation of international law which subjects them to death before a firing squad.

More paratroopers were dropped well behind the American lines and were adding to the difficulties of American attempts to form up for the counterblows that must be dealt to check the German rush.

### Armor Jams Fields

Fields crawled with German armor and roads were jammed with German transport, moving under cover of the fog in the sort of soupy weather on which the German high command obviously relied when it mapped the surprise counter offensive.

The Germans appeared to be throwing everything in men and weapons into this push.

What it amounted to was perhaps a battle to the death of the German army, but it was being fought on the fields of the enemy's choosing.

For security reasons, supreme headquarters was giving the ground situation on the U. S. First army front only once daily with a 48-hour time lag.

On both flanks American resistance had stiffened, and Associated Press Correspondent Hal V. Boyle told of a battle to the death outside Stavelot with a trapped German force of 60 tanks and 200 vehicles.

A bridge across Ambleve river was blown by American engineers to prevent retreat or supply and then, fighting through dense fog, the Americans turned their antitank guns on the trapped forces.

Thirty tanks were knocked out along with at least 50 vehicles, and Boyle said the survivors were "turning in churning circles of ruin." American artillery shattered an attempt today to come to the relief of this force.

Large German armored infantry forces also were encircled by doughboys who climbed miles across the snow-topped forested ridges and knifed through the enemy's exposed flank.

Reinforced elements of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army had stemmed the northward thrust and were holding along the northern flank on a line running through Malmedy, five miles northeast of Stavelot, but the doughboys still controlled the town.

On the extreme northern flank, American forces who won Monschau regained several nearby villages, including Roerath, nine miles to the southeast, which cut the base of the German bulge in Belgium and Luxembourg to 46 miles.

On the southern flank, 46 miles south of Monschau, American forces still held the Luxembourg order town of Echternach, and at last reports they no longer were surrounded.

A German thrust southwest of Echternach had made some progress beyond Consdorf, which is 14 miles northeast of the little Duchy's capital.

A German pincer attack on American forces cut off St. Vith 10 miles southeast of Malmedy, had made little progress up to noon Tuesday.

## Iwo Jima Is Bombed Again

(U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 21.—(P)—Japanese bases from the Palau to Iwo Jima, 750 miles south of Tokyo, were hit by American bombs Tuesday, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

For the 13th consecutive day, Liberators of the strategic airforce made the Marians—to Volcano Islands run to blast the airstrip and installations at Iwo Jima.

Marine Corps Avenger Torpedo planes attacked Yap, 322 miles northeast of American-occupied Peleliu Island in the Palaua. Marine fighters destroyed a number of enemy small craft at Sorsogon Islands, southwest of the Palaua, and bombed and strafed storage areas on bypassed Babelthuap Island.

Isolated Rota Island, north of Guam, and Japanese holdings in the Marshall Islands received aerial bombardments Tuesday, Nimitz communiqué said.

## Sergeant Dorsey Barnum, 11, In Uniform, Gets Attention

Use Airdrome At Mondoro Another Base For U. S. Planes To Strike Japs

### GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Friday, Dec. 22.—(P)—American warplanes are now using the Mondoro Island airdrome, giving them another base from which to harass Japanese shipping and supply lines in the battle for liberation of the Philippines.

The boy was traveling alone. He wore sergeant's stripes, two medals (for French and scholarship) and a lot of red braid. He was an impressive little figure with his cap set jauntily back on his head.

### Gift For His Mother

He first was noticed window shopping in the Fred Harvey drug store. He wanted to buy his mother a Christmas present, he explained to clerks, and had the money to do it. He captivated the clerks, who showed him a great variety of gifts. Because "she likes lipstick and all that stuff," he made a deal for a cosmetic kit. While he got out his money, the clerk wrapped the package in gay Christmas paper.

But when Dorsey started to pay for his purchase, he found he lacked 15 cents of having enough money. What to do in a case like that did not worry the little soldier because "dad is coming after me, and he'll take care of it for me." The amosed clerk took what money the boy had with the promise that the deficit would be made up.

Passersby watched the little boy proudly carry away his purchase under his arm, and stood spellbound while he carefully arranged his battered suitcase on the floor so he could sit down. The suitcase bulged with the boy's belongings, and one end was secured with several turns of heavy rope. Dorsey sat patiently outside the drug store awaiting the arrival of his parents. The Christmas present was clutched tightly on his lap.

Attention Bothers Him

"Heck," he said, as a crowd gathered around him, "I don't see why they're making all this fuss about me. My gosh, I just came home from school, that's all. My gosh, I've done that lots of times. Why this is my third Christmas vacation, let alone all the other times I've been home from school."

Someone suggested eventually that Dorsey telephone his parents so they would know he had arrived. He explained carefully that he was broke, that he had spent all his money on the present, and that if he had a nickel for a phone call he would give it instead to the clerk to reduce his debt. A clerk suggested he use her free phone. He did.

His parents arrived shortly after 5 o'clock and took the little soldier home. But first came a regulation checkup of pretended "furlough papers" by an M. P. in the station, and, of course, the completion of the financial transaction with the drug store clerk.

So the soldier went happily home, with nothing on his mind save the fact that he had spent all his money on his mother and had nothing yet for his father's Christmas present.

### Increase Air Activity

Although there still was no ground opposition on Mindoro, where the Yanks landed almost unopposed last week, the enemy sharply stepped up the tempo of his air operations. One U. S. fighter was lost.

MacArthur said the junction of the two army corps closed the jaws of the pincers in the Ormoc corridor, where Japanese forces have been broken into small groups and are being systematically destroyed.

The end of the battle for Leyte—first major Philippine Island invaded by American liberation forces—was imminent.

It was this fight which Japanese militarists viewed as "the decisive battle for our homeland," the Tokyo radio and Japanese Dome news agency said more than a month ago.

Japan's toughest general—Toymoku Yamashita, conqueror of Malaya and Singapore—was then appointed commander in the Philippines. He boasted he would demand "unconditional surrender" from Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

MacArthur gave him a reply in his Thursday communiqué, saying the fall of Leyte was rapidly approaching. Yamashita's forces on the island were cut into isolated remnants, able to resist only temporarily. Their defenses in the Ormoc corridor were completely destroyed.

The capture of the highway junction of Lubungao snapped any hope of being supplied through the west coast port of Palompon.

### Stover 33; Jefferson City 24

High school basketball at Jefferson City Stover 33, Jefferson City 24.

### Births --

Son, born Wednesday, December 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Johnson, at Cocoli, Canal Zone, Panama. The father is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Johnson, 800 West Fourth street. He is in the government service in Panama. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one other child, Valerie Ann, aged 3½ years, also born in Panama.

The sale dinner served by Oak Point Extension club members, assisted by a few non-members at Hill View December 6. The organization agreed to donate two-thirds of the amount to the Oak Point Parent-Teacher association to be used in the hot lunch program.

Christmas songs were led by Mrs. Pauline Correll, entertainment members of Oak Point Extension club recently. When Mrs. C. W. Heflinger called the meeting to order 13 members responded to call by giving roll call subject suggestions for the January meeting.

An acknowledgement from Miss Dorothy Bacon for a sympathy card sent her from the club was read as was the approval for the Standard of Achievement for 1944 club work.

Fierce fighting was raging for Malmedy, five miles northeast of Stavelot, but the doughboys still controlled the town.

On the extreme northern flank, American forces who won Monschau regained several nearby villages, including Roerath, nine miles to the southeast, which cut the base of the German bulge in Belgium and Luxembourg to 46 miles.

On the southern flank, 46 miles south of Monschau, American forces still held the Luxembourg order town of Echternach, and at last reports they no longer were surrounded.

A German thrust southwest of Echternach had made some progress beyond Consdorf, which is 14 miles northeast of the little Duchy's capital.

A German pincer attack on American forces cut off St. Vith 10 miles southeast of Malmedy, had made little progress up to noon Tuesday.

Iwo Jima Is Bombed Again

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 21.—(P)—"Holy smokes!" yelled Sgt. Joseph Waldt. "What a Christmas present!"

The "present" was his wife from Baltimore, Md. when she walked into Joe's hospital room today, it was the first time he had seen her in three years.

Then a Tulsa Tribune columnist heard of Joe's story and suggested that Tulsa people drop him a card "to cheer him up." He got hundreds of them, and a huge stack of gifts, too, including rare popular brand cigarettes.

But that was just a starter. One group of people pulled the necessary strings to get his wife a plane reservation, sent her the tickets and added a stock of \$10 bills for other expenses. A hotel owner reserved a room for her to use while she was here.

The plane reached Tulsa this afternoon and Mrs. Waldt was the first one off. A delegation met her, pinned a garland on her coat and escorted her to the hospital in style.

Nobody told Joe his wife was coming and when she walked into the room they didn't say much.

Both of them cried, and so did a lot of other people who were standing around watching.

When he was healed, the army sent him to Tulsa to help out in a war bond drive.

Then his wounds caught up with him again. He collapsed, was rushed to a hospital near death from internal hemorrhages. After sev-

## OBITUARIES

### Funeral Of A. D. Aiken

Service at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the McLaughlin chapel Alexander Davidson Aiken, 51½ South Kentucky avenue, who passed away Tuesday evening at the Bothwell hospital.

The rites were conducted by Mrs. C. T. Gorrell of the First Church of Christ Scientist of which Mr. Aiken was a member.

Organ music was by Mrs. W. L. Monegan.

Pallbearers were R. C. Hemphill, Sedalia; Charles Anderson and James LaCoste of Kansas City; Leonard Hill, A. J. Kreitemeyer and C. E. McArthur, all of St. Louis.

Interment was in Crown Hill cemetery.

Attending the services from out-of-town were Mr. Aiken's brother, Robert W. Aiken of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Aiken's sister, Miss Mildred Hamilton of Minneapolis; Charles Mennell, Wichita, Kas.; Mr. and Mrs. James LaCoste, Charles Anderson, George Rourke, A. C. Mattson and S. L. Meade, all of Kansas City and Leonard Hill, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kreitemeyer, Charles E. McArthur, Miss Mary Riron, St. Louis, all Rock Island railway associates of Mr. Aiken, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Herlimerich of Kansas City.

Mrs. Fannie Barnes Long

Mrs. Fannie Barnes Long, 86, of Blue Springs, Mo., widow of J. C. Long, and mother of Dr. F. R. Cole, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 28th day of November, 1944, by the Probate Court of Pettis County, Missouri.

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FAY LEITER, Administrator.

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Seal

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI

(ss.)

COUNTY OF PETTIS

In the Circuit Court of Pettis County,

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Oliver L. Barrett, Plaintiff.

Elliott S. Barrett, Margaret Martignon, Ebbie Pittroff, Newton Mitchell, Wiliam Mitchell and Helen Mitchell, Defendants.

The State of Missouri to the Above Named Defendants, Greeting:

Now on this day comes the plaintiff in the above entitled cause and files her petition, stating among other things, that the above named defendants are non-residents of the State of Missouri, and that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them in this State.

It is therefore Ordered by the Court that public notice be made notifying said defendants and each of them that an action has been brought against them and each of them by petition, in the Circuit Court of Pettis County, in the State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to obtain an order of judgment and decree commanding the above named defendants to appear in the Circuit Court of Pettis County and to be held at the Court House in the City of Sedalia, in said County of Pettis in the State of Missouri, on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1945, and on or before the first day of said term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is therefore further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the Sedalia Weekly Democrat, a newspaper published in said County of Pettis for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least thirty (30) days before the next term of said court aforesaid.

BYRAN HOWE, Circuit Clerk.

By Mildred Sutphin, D. C. Seal A true copy from the Record:

Margaret Martignon and Salveter Plaintiff's Attorney.

No. 9195

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# Shoppers Fill The Stores. Everyone Busy

Trying To Make The Holiday As Happy As Possible

## In The Service



It is the Christmas season again, and with it comes, as always down through the generations, bright eyed children, young girls and boys, men and women of all ages and classes, all intent on one thing, buying Christmas gifts. Throngs of people fill the stores and push their way through the crowds. Sales girls find themselves surrounded by too many customers. But it is Christmas and everyone seems in a good humor.

A woman in one store picked up a doll, held it affectionately and wished for a little girl to buy it for. When a clerk asked if she wanted to buy it the woman replied the doll reluctantly with: "No, that would be silly, but I just love dolls."

An elderly woman stood at the corner of a toy counter with a small mallet in her hand, playing, up and down the scale, on a toy xylophone. She did not seem to notice the crowd about her and as they milled past she continued to play up and down, up and down the scale.

### Attention Diverted

A Negro woman held in her arms a small boy about three years old. "Would you like this, Joe?" she asked. Joe laughed with delight at the toy dog but when she put him down he found something he liked better, a little wooden horse on wheels which he promptly took from the counter and began to roll over the floor. The little horse was quickly retrieved by his mother and replaced on the counter.

Two little girls hurried through the crowd one of them saying: "We're going to have to get busy and buy something." A boy stood examining a builders set, a boy about twelve held in his hand a pink rattle trying to attract the attention of a busy clerk, and a group of young girls gathered around the jewelry counter.

A young woman whose sweetheart is overseas, was comforted not only with buying for her own family but for his family, too, after he had sent the money with a request that she do his Christmas shopping. It isn't a little problem either buying for people she has never seen but she thought she would buy his father a robe, figuring his size from a picture taken of the father and son and comparing it with the size of her father and the boy, which comparison she thinks makes him about the size of her dad—but she has her fingers crossed.

Yes, it is Christmas again, the time when everyone thinks of someone else and tries to buy the things they think they will like—which they probably won't. But there are a few people who won't be disappointed—they buy themselves gifts so they are sure to be satisfied with one gift. One boy who had worried for several weeks trying to find time to do his Christmas shopping finally got started and began by buying himself the first gift.

Christmas this year, though not as happy for some as other years, is Christmas just the same although most of the homes have fathers, husbands, and sons in service. Every one at home is striving to keep Christmas as it has always been for it is such things as Christmas that the boys over there are fighting for—Christmas at home.

**Major General Here Saturday**

Major General Ralph Truman, recently placed on inactive duty, whose home is in Kansas City, was a visitor in Sedalia Saturday morning for a short time. Major General Truman had lunch at the Bothwell hotel with Henry C. Salter and D. Kelly Scruton.

A veteran of World War I and World War II, he entered the service in 1940 as the commanding general of the 35th division, composed of men from Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas, and was stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., until about two years ago when he was placed on the inactive list.

He is a cousin of Senator Harry S. Truman, vice president-elect.

**Groceries Taken From Car Reported Stolen**

The 1938 Chevrolet coach of E. E. Hutchison, Versailles, Mo., which was reported stolen from near Second street and Lamine avenue, about 6 o'clock Saturday night, was found about 10 o'clock parked in front of the Middleton Storage building, Missouri Pacific tracks and Lamine avenue.

The thief had stolen a box of groceries which had been placed in the car a few minutes before it was taken from its parking place.

**Fire Companies Called**

The fire companies answered a call to the residence of J. P. Weller, 1721 South Missouri avenue, where a stove pipe had fell down about 6:20 o'clock Saturday evening. Little damage resulted.

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## Celebration By Clerks Of Anniversary

### Group Organized Here In Banquet At Christian Church

"I am happy to come back to the birthplace of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and relate the policies in economic and political matters," George M. Harrison, grand president of the Railway Clerks, said at a public meeting held in the State Guard Armory, Ninth street and Ohio avenue, Saturday night, as part of the celebration on the founding of the organization.



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He then reviewed the historical developments of the organization telling of the contribution it has made to the welfare of industry and employees in stabilization of labor relations. Attention was called to the progress made over the past forty-five years, pointing out where they have developed the largest railroad employees within the country.

### Talks Wages

President Harrison discussed the general wage situation and economic government controlled wages in part. He also made reference to the "Little Steel Formula" saying "under the present condition and the application of the law, working people are being denied benefits of the act, and they now are in a submerged position. They do not enjoy real equality of wages vs. prices for the things they buy."

He also discussed pending legislative proposals in congress, of the railroad organizations amendments on railroad retirement and unemployment insurance act. Pointing out, he said, "while retirement benefits for railroad workers are substantially above those provided by general Social Security laws, there are no provisions for the widows and dependent surviving children. These amendments provide for the establishment of a very urgently needed system of widows pension and survivor benefits."

### For Amending Law

"We are proposing to amend the railroad insurance law so that, work lost on account of sickness will be regarded as unemployment and compensable upon the same scale of benefits paid for unemployment when there are periods of no work."

President Harrison also discussed the record contribution made by the railroads and employees in furnishing an unprecedented volume of war transportation, with 400,000 less railroad workers than were employed in 1918. He said, "We are now hauling double the volume of railroad passengers and freight traffic, than then. Our manpower difficulties are being met in a very satisfactory manner and there are no major difficulties in this connection."

"We are somewhat concerned about the recent developments in the world political situation and believe that labor must re-examine its policies regarding participation in these matters of particular concern to labor," he said.

He then appealed to the railroad workers and citizens generally to BUY WAR BONDS and render every possible service to achieve speedy and total victory in the war. "At the present season of this year, our thoughts are especially about the boys on the battle fronts and those in the fox holes," he said and continued, "there are 31,000 members of the Railway Clerks in the military forces, 313 thus far have given their lives. Thousands more have suffered casualties in defense of our Free Will Life, and to perpetuate our democratic system."

President Harrison then concluded by saying, "I appeal to you listeners to cooperate with all others who are determined to set up a world organization that will prevent further wars and that will assure Peace on Earth and Good Will to all Men."

### Banquet Is Held

Preceding the meeting at the armory a banquet was held at the First Christian church which was attended by approximately 150 persons, including the honored guests. No speakings were held at the dinner, being more of a get together among the members of the organization and their guests.

A. J. Pickett, general chairman of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas system board of Railway Clerks, was chairman of the meeting. Mr.

## In the Service

### Granite Lodge Elects New Officers

Pfc. T. A. Decker, stationed in Oklahoma, has returned to camp meeting of Granite Lodge, 272, A.F. & A.M. Sedalia, held Friday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. M. Holland, worshipful master; L. C. Judd, senior warden; A. F. Scott, junior warden; Tom Augur, treasurer, re-elected; J. R. Smetana, secretary, re-elected.

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### Sales Of Series E Bonds Lags

#### 'Bonds For Baby' Slogan To Promote Added Buying

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy — Pfc. Harold E. Fimple, rifleman, 1219 South Osage avenue, Sedalia; Pvt. Newell E. Waisner, pioneer, Versailles, and Pfc. Raymond Walters, machine gunner, Windsor, route 5, are fighting with the 363rd Infantry Regiment in the current Florence-Bologna offensive in Italy. The regiment is part of the 91st "Pounder River" division with Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy, has been in foreign service continuously for more than two and a half years.

### Christmas Party By Homemakers

The Kola Homemakers club of Florence met at the home of Mrs. Oscar Oehrke for its Christmas party.

A short business meeting was followed by an exchange of gifts and guessing who the secret pals for the year are.

Mrs. Harold Eldenburg announced that two magazines had been sent to the Army Hospital at the SAAF and Christmas cards had been sent to sons and brothers of the members who are now in service.

Mrs. Harold Eldenburg assisted Mrs. Oscar Oehrke in serving refreshments.

### Damage To Three Cars In Accident

A three way automobile accident occurred about 12 o'clock Saturday night at the intersection of Ohio avenue and Fifth street.

Julius Hyken, driving a 1941 Buick sedan south on Ohio avenue, stopped for a changing red light.

Immediately after stopping his auto was hit in the rear by Woodward Garrison's automobile which swung around and crashed into the side of Richard Younger's 1938 black LaSalle coach, which was traveling north on Ohio avenue.

Garrison, 1214 South Massachusetts avenue, was taken to the hospital in a police car and treated for a slight injury to his mouth.

Riding with Richard Younger, 920 West Second street, were Geneva Steele, 1721 South Carroll avenue, Gladys Richardson, 909 East Thirteenth street, and Glenn Williams, 102 South Grand avenue. Mrs. Hyken was riding with Mr. Hyken, 1501 West Fourth street.

Pickett introduced President Harrison, the principal speaker.

Prior to the speaking, Mayor A. H. Wilks gave a brief address of welcome to President Harrison and out-of-town visitors.

F. O. Withers, a charter member of the organization, in the absence of E. T. Behrens, who organized the first chapter of the Brotherhood here in Sedalia forty-five years ago, presented the old charter to President Harrison.

President Harrison in responding said, "I shall place this the first and original charter among the permanent records of the Brotherhood at our headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio."

Seated with the speaker besides those mentioned was Edward P. Mullaley, who reorganized the Sedalia group back in 1918. Mr. Mullaley did not speak.

The meeting was opened with the invocation by Reverend Clyde S. Sherman, pastor of the First Christian church.

### Officials Attend

Among those present were H. R. Lyons, Vice Grand-President and Mrs. Lyons of St. Louis; William A. Tait, Grand Lodge organizer; I. F. Thomas, general chairman of the Missouri Pacific system board and Carl A. Reis, secretary-treasurer; C. A. Shutt, general chairman of the Kansas City Terminal Union depot; A. E. Larson, vice-general chairman of the Santa Fe Railroad, Topeka, Kansas; George D. Wright, general chairman of the Express Division, St. Louis; Harry Brunkhorst, superintendent of the Sedalia M-K-T shops and Roy Fullerton, acting storekeeper of the Missouri Pacific.

The traditional Christmas Eve program will be given Sunday evening with a play by the Young People.

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R. M. McNeil is the retiring worshipful master, having served in that capacity during the present year.

## Capt. Neef, Thirteen Months A War Prisoner, Is Home

Captain Melvin Ellis Neef, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Neef, 110c East Twenty-fourth street, arrived home Sunday night from overseas where he spent eighteen months, thirteen of them being in a prison camp in Romania.

Captain Neef was pilot of a U.S. Liberator and was among members of a Liberator crew in a crash landing during a raid on the Ploesti oil fields in August, 1943 in which three of the crew sustained wounds. Captain Neef, then a first lieutenant, escaped unhurt. He was promoted to a captaincy September 22, 1944.

During the time of his service overseas he was on duty in England, Africa, Italy and over Romania.

One hundred and ten from an original force interned with his group was released at the time Russian forces took over there and on August 28 they were taken to Italy, thence to England from where they on various planes have been, or are being transported back to the states.

On reaching the United States Captain Neef went to Washington and from there went by air to Leavenworth, Kas., thence to Sedalia.

Captain Neef was reluctant to talk freely relative to conditions in the war torn areas of Europe, but elicited the information that prisoners that had been held in Romania were, as to the best information he had been given, treated and fed better than in many other places where prisoners had been taken and held in prisons and in internment camps.

He was exceedingly happy to arrive home in time for the holidays season on a thirty days furlough at the end of which he will report at Santa Monica, Calif., for his next assignment.

**Recommended**

Three months ago Captain Neef was one of forty-six decorated by the War Department receiving the distinguished service cross.

**Carol Singing  
At Hospitals**

The heart-warming strains of Christmas carols will be heard at the hospitals in Sedalia and at the base hospital at the Sedalia Army Air Field when groups of Girl Scouts will lift their voices in songs of the season.

During this week members of various Girl Scout troops will sing during the evenings at Bothwell hospital and there also will be singing by Negro Scouts at hospital No. 2.

On three occasions this week Sedalia Girl Scouts will sing at the base hospital. Tuesday afternoon a group from Smith-Cotton high school sang Wednesday afternoon a carolling group from Sacred Heart will be heard at the air field hospital and on Friday afternoon Girl Scouts from C. C. Hubbard high school will sing there.

As their Christmas card to the community, Girl Scouts from all troops, numbering about 300 singers, will give a Christmas carol program from the Pettis county court house steps from 7:30 to 8 o'clock Saturday night, under the direction of Mrs. A. R. Beach.

**Sgt. Helfrich  
Is a Prisoner**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Helfrich, 2500 South Collins avenue, have received a message sent directly through the International Red Cross informing them that their son, Sgt. Joseph Helfrich, reported missing in action two months ago, is a prisoner of war of the German government.

A letter from the government stated that Sgt. Helfrich is probably in a transit camp and that as soon as he is permanently located the name of the camp will be sent his parents that they may send him packages.

Sgt. Helfrich, stationed in England at the time of his capture, was with a group making a raid on Munster, Germany. After dropping bombs, his plane was attacked by anti-aircraft fire but managed to get as far as the Dutch coast where crew members radioed for help. Searchers were unable to find trace of the crew. The government letter was the first word of the sergeant his parents had received since he was reported missing and, to quote the words of his mother, "It is the best Christmas present we could possibly have."

**Brings Gifts  
By Airplane**

A flying "seigh" delivered Christmas presents gathered in the Kansas City area by the American Legion to patients in the hospital at the Sedalia Army Air Field late Tuesday afternoon.

Lieut. Col. Carl T. Doeing, 1436 South Sneed avenue, commanding officer of the base hospital, went to Kansas City in a plane from the field and landed with his crew at the Municipal Air Terminal. The colonel was to be met by Mrs. William B. Stone, chairman of the American Legion "Gifts for the Yanks" committee, and she and her helpers were to load the plane with 600 gifts for the base hospital patients.

The occasion marked the first delivery of presents for service men from 100,000 assembled in the metropolitan area by the Legion.

**Christmas Party  
For Smithton Club**

The Christmas party of the Ever Ready class of Smithton Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. J. Virgil Quint in conjunction with a 1 o'clock luncheon Thursday. The home was attractively decorated for the holidays.

Mrs. Nolan Smith presided over the business session with Mrs. Charles Juries and Mrs. Shelby Monsees conducting devotional services. An exchange of gifts followed the playing of Christmas carols by Mrs. Millard Wagenknecht and a special gift from the class was presented the teacher, Mrs. Harry Reid.

The home was decorated appropriate to the season. After the contributive luncheon, gifts were passed from the Christmas tree by Santa Claus and each person tried to guess the name of her club friend for the year. Each gift was given a name.

The award was sent to Mrs. Sullivan by the war department.

**Green Ridge Club  
Has Christmas Party**

The Mutual Improvement club of Green Ridge held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Glen Morrow Saturday evening. Assistant hostesses were Mrs. H. A. Hite, Miss Grace Still, Mrs. Loy Smith and Mrs. Waldo Hart.

Guests, other than the 15 club members, were Miss Lena Ensley, George Murphy and husbands of members of the club.

A buffet supper was served and an exchange of gifts held.

Mrs. Hite was in charge of games, assisted by Mrs. Wilford Acker. Miss Patricia Morrow played some violin solos.

Several guests were present at the party.

The next meeting will be at the home of Ella Dee and Alberta Runge on January 12.

**Christmas Services  
At Dresden Saturday**

Christmas services and communion will be held at the Dresden Methodist church on Saturday evening, December 31 at 7 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. Ray Biggers, to bring the Christmas message.

At the close of these services the Young People will sponsor a caroling over the town.

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program will be given Sunday evening with a play by the Young People.

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**Coming Home For Christmas**

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hanson, 910

South Massachusetts avenue, have

received a telegram from their son, Jimmie, 111c of the navy,

now in Seattle, Wash., where he arrived from the Philippines,

stating that he will spend Christmas at home. Jimmie left for

the navy in June of 1943.

**Heats Car Up by  
Putting Fire Under it**

One way to heat up an automobile is to build a fire under it—but it might also set the car on fire. That's what happened Tues-

day morning in front of 407 North

Mill street, when a Chevrolet coach

of Pete "Bo-Peep" Robinson, Ne-

gro, caught fire and caused a run by the fire companies at 11:20 p.m.

When the fire companies arrived

the front end of the vehicle was a

mass of flames. Firemen hurriedly

extinguished the blaze with the

pump buckets but not before \$50

damages had resulted. Beneath

the car were burning ashes. Chief

John Lueck said the ashes were

probably put there to heat the oil

and warm up the motor—which it did.

**Sgt. Stephens  
Dies in Action**

Sgt. Leo J. Stephens, 27, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Stephens,

1718 South Beacon avenue, this

city was killed in action in North-

ern Italy on November 2